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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
- 2. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
- 3. One (1) return postcard; and
- 4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the three (3) month extension of time fee.

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